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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning veterans and military service, including
2 waivers and refunds of certain fees, use of state
3 facilities, public utility disconnection of service,
4 declarations for disposition of remains, and motor vehicle
5 financial responsibility exemptions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29A.14A Use of government
2 facilities.

3 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
4 state or any political subdivision of the state, shall permit
5 the rental of facilities under its control, for a fee not
6 in excess of any expenses incurred by the state or political
7 subdivision, for designated military events. For purposes
8 of this section, "*designated military event*" means an event,
9 authorized by the adjutant general, for national guard family
10 readiness groups or for returning veterans for a period of up
11 to one year from the date of return from active duty.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 144.13B Waiver of fees — military
13 service.

14 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
15 contrary, the certified copy fees for a birth certificate or
16 death certificate of a service member, as defined in section
17 29A.90, who died while on active duty shall be waived for a
18 period of one year from the date of death for a family member
19 of the deceased service member.

20 Sec. 3. Section 144C.6, Code 2009, is amended by adding the
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A declaration for disposition of remains
23 made by a service member, as defined in section 29A.90, on
24 forms provided and authorized by the department of defense
25 for service members for this purpose shall constitute a valid
26 declaration of designee for purposes of this chapter.

27 Sec. 4. Section 321A.33, Code 2009, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **321A.33 Exceptions.**

30 This chapter does not apply to any motor vehicle owned by
31 the United States, this state, or any political subdivision of
32 this state or to any operator, except for section 321A.4, while
33 on official duty operating such motor vehicle. This chapter
34 does not apply, except for sections 321A.4 and 321A.26, to any
35 motor vehicle which is subject to section 325A.6. In addition,

1 this chapter does not apply to any motor vehicle owned by a
2 service member deployed for military service, both as defined
3 in section 29A.90, for the period of the military service.

4 Sec. 5. Section 476.20, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended
5 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The rules established by the
7 board shall provide that a public utility furnishing gas or
8 electricity shall not disconnect service to a residence in
9 which the head of household is a service member deployed for
10 military service, as defined in section 29A.90, for a period
11 of sixty days or until the public utility has made a good faith
12 effort to contact the service member, whichever is later.

13 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 483A.24A License refunds — military
14 service.

15 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
16 contrary, a service member deployed for military service,
17 both as defined in section 29A.90, shall receive a refund of
18 that portion of any license fee paid by the service member
19 representing the service member's period of military service.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill concerns veterans and military service, adding
22 Code provisions relating to fees, use of state facilities,
23 public utilities, disposition of remains, and motor vehicle
24 financial responsibility.

25 New Code section 29A.14A requires the state, or a political
26 subdivision of the state, to allow the use of facilities under
27 its control for certain designated military events for not
28 more than the cost of expenses. The Code section defines
29 a designated military event as an event, authorized by the
30 adjutant general, for national guard family readiness groups or
31 for returning veterans for a period of up to one year from the
32 date of return from active duty.

33 New Code section 144.13B waives the fees for a birth or death
34 certificate of a service member who dies while on active duty
35 for a period of one year from the date of death for a family

1 member of the deceased service member.

2 Code section 144C.6, concerning a declaration of a designee
3 for disposition of remains, is amended to provide that a
4 declaration for disposition of remains made by a service member
5 on forms provided and authorized by the department of defense
6 for service members for this purpose shall constitute a valid
7 declaration of designee.

8 Code section 321A.33, concerning exceptions from the
9 state's financial responsibility law, is amended to provide an
10 additional exception for any motor vehicle owned by a service
11 member deployed for military service for the period of the
12 military service.

13 Code section 476.20, relating to the disconnection of
14 utilities, is amended to provide that a public utility
15 furnishing gas or electricity shall not disconnect service
16 to a residence in which the head of household is a service
17 member deployed for military service for a period of sixty days
18 or until the public utility has made a good faith effort to
19 contact the service member, whichever is later.

20 New Code section 483A.24A provides that a service member
21 deployed for military service shall receive a refund of that
22 portion of any fishing or hunting license fee paid by the
23 service member representing the service member's period of
24 military service.